THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The instructions of 8.2.2002 relate to posts filled by promotion, whereas the posts of Joint Secretary in Government of India are filled by deputation under provisions of the Central Staffing Scheme.

(c) and (d) For empanelment of Joint Secretaries, the suitability of officers is finalized by the Civil Services Board for submission to the Appointments Committe of the Cabinet. The Civil Services Board is assisted by a Committee of Secretaries who adjudge the suitability of an officer based on the criteria of merit and competence after evaluating the officer's Confidential Report Dossier.

Fixing the accountability of the employees for higher prices in Kendriya Bhandar

1734. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Chairman, Kendriya Bhandar has asked Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) to fix the responsibility and acountability of the employees where the prices have been found higher in Kendriya Bhandar than the open market etc.;

(b) if so, whether the responsibility and accountability of the employees has been fixed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under process.

Regular CVO for Kendriya Bhandar

1735. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar has no regular CVO for over a year;